

TOWN OF CONCORD MASSACHUSETTS

HOUSE NUMBERING BYLAW

VOTED: To adopt a House Numbering Bylaw in response to E-911 as follows:

OBJECTIVE:

To enforce the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 148, §59, which requires numbers on all buildings for the purpose of the address of such buildings to be entered into an electronic database for use in the Enhanced 911 Service as defined in Chapter 6A, §18A.

REQUIREMENTS:

The numbers shall be a minimum of three inches in height, contrasting in color. Example: Dark letters with light fielding.

The numbers shall be affixed on the front of buildings so as to be seen from the street. If the building is more than fifty feet from the street, numbers shall be placed at the entrance to the driveway at the street. If the driveway has more than one building on it, numbers shall be placed at each turnoff and at forks in the road indicating which direction to take.

Numbers to be mounted on steel or wood posts 4" x 4", and shall be a minimum of 44 inches from the ground. If mounted on mailboxes, the numbers shall be on both sides of the mailbox and unobstructed by the mailbox flag. The mailbox shall meet the U.S. Postal height regulation of 44 inches from the ground. If grouped or communal mailboxes are used, a sign shall be used listing all house numbers. Multiple addresses at one location (apartments, condominiums, residential compounds, and business), the sub-address designation shall be after the street name. Example: Building 25, Unit 1.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

All existing structures shall comply with the requirements of this bylaw no later than July 1, 1996.

ENFORCEMENT:

The Building Inspector will enforce the posting of identification numbers on dwellings, apartment buildings, condominiums and business establishments.

The Building Inspector, upon a written complaint from any resident of the Town, prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for any new or renovated building or structure, or upon his own initiative, shall enforce the requirements of this Bylaw. Any existing numbering system for any building or structure in existence prior to the enactment of this Bylaw shall be deemed to comply with the requirement herein; unless, in the opinion of the Building Inspector, the degree of noncompliance with specific requirements of this Bylaw shall constitute a danger to public safety, whereupon, the Building Inspector shall issue written notification to the property owner requiring compliance with such provisions.

This Bylaw shall be enforced through the non-criminal disposition act, a warning or fine as specified in Appendix A of the Regulations for the Enforcement of Town Bylaws under M.G.L. Chapter 40, §21D and the Bylaw for Non-Criminal Disposition of Violations adopted under Article 47 of the 1984 Town Meeting, as amended. A period of 14 days for compliance to be made from the time notice is issued before any fines are issued.

APPEAL:

Any person aggrieved by the enforcement of this Bylaw, or by the refusal of the Building Inspector to enforce any provision of this Bylaw, may file an appeal with the Zoning Board of Appeals within 30 calendar days of the date of such enforcement action or refusal. All appeals shall be handled in a manner consistent with the standard rules of the Board of Appeals.

Article 46, Annual Town Meeting, April 1995
Article 64, Annual Town Meeting, April 2006